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In re application of:

**Charles Mark Ensor, et al.**

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**For: PEG-MODIFIED URICASE**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action issued November 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 21, 22, and 39 to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A compound comprising uricase covalently bonded via a linking group to polyethylene glycol, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a total weight average molecular weight of about 15,000 to about 30,000, and wherein the linking group is selected from the group consisting of a succinimide group, an amide group, an imide group, a carbamate group,